

September 13. 2010 Darien Beautification Commission Minutes

Attendance: Suzanne Schutte, Marcia Meinerth, Sandy Drimal, Sandy Filmer, Cindy Ryan, Bob Baker, Sabina Harris

Financial Update: Marcia M. reported our Budget for fiscal yr. 2010 –2011 set at \$26,000. Cut from \$33,000 last year.

Open discussion on what to do for remainder of this year with baskets and next year. Take baskets down early Oct, end watering last week of Sept. Berm still getting watered weekly to save the plantings. Cost \$180/wk. Marcia to work out cost per basket with watering for the season. Cut 1/2 amount of baskets, fund raise, ask local businesses, library for donations? Need to have Susan Haines submit all her bills by end of Sept. More ideas on cost cutting for next meeting.

Mission Statement: looked over revisions most liked version II

Adopt A Garden(AAG) update: Sandy D and Cindy report Garden Club spot on Ledge Rd coming along as planned. Will get some planted this Fall. Garden Club donated \$1200 for plantings and care of Ledge Rd Garden. Exit 11 Garden needs State approval. A planting plan has to be submitted to the State, Sandy working on that. We would like Elder to cut out the area and get something planted this Fall. We, the BC will design a planting map. Keith from Gardeners Center still wants to sponsor this garden area. He understands the delay. Noroton Heights garden will also get planted this fall. Sponsored by the Democratic Club. Possibly plant on the Town fall clean up weekend.

Signage: Bob Baker has meet several times with First Selectman and also Chief of Police regarding all signs (i.e. tag sale, realtor, campaign, etc...) no progress on policing placement, Suggested we take a group stance and try again to talk with First Selectman to bring up at Town meeting. To be continued.

Fall Town Clean-up: Suzanne stated will be Oct 16th. Hope to have many volunteers and a few groups will participate but not on the set date. The BC will work on the Heights Garden and DCA planting bulbs and at the Berm.

Volunteers: Suzanne was contacted by some men that need time doing Community Service. We will put them to work on various projects. The berm mainly.

Next meeting report on projects, the berm, AAG, baskets, cemetery clean up,. Discuss possible new members for our group.

Meeting started 10:30 ended 11:45